opportunities had increased in Jammu and Kashmir. In fact, the unemployment problem has become very acute in recent years. According to a survey by an NGO, in Kashmir Valley alone, there are 2.5 lakhs educated unemployed youths.

Now, the Prime Minister will be visiting Jammu and Kashmir State shortly. He must announce a special package for the State so that the economy of the State is put back on the rails of economic progress. Thank you, Madam.

श्री हरीश रावत (उत्तरांचल) : मैडम, हम सभी इनके स्पेशल मेंशन की भावना के साथ हैं ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Yesterday, the Minister of Health and Family Welfare laid a statement on the Table of the House. I have some names for seeking clarifications. In-between something very good has happened. The INSAT-3B satellite was launched. Now, there are two things which we have to finish. There are a few clarifications on the statement of the Minister of Health and Family Welfare. If you agree, I will ask the Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space to make the statement and we will congratulate the scientists for this launch. Then, we will take up the clarifications for a few minutes. आप उस पर क्लैरीफिकेशंस नहीं करेंगे । उस में सिर्फ मुबारकबाद देना है । मंत्री जी बोलिए ।

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Launch of INSAT - 3 A Satellite

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): Madam, INSAT-3A satellite, India's state-of-the-art multi-mission multi purpose satellite for providing telecommunications, television, meteorological and search and rescue services was launched today at 04.22 IST by Ariane-5 vehicle of Europe

from Kourou in French Guyana. It was separated from the launch vehicle at 04.52 IST and the signals were acquired at the INSAT Master Control Facility at Hassan, Karnataka. The satellite is currently in the Geo-Synchronous Transfer Orbit of 36,055 km by 859 km with an inclination of 1.99 degrees with respect to the equator. The satellite is now under the control of INSAT-MCF. Initial health checks from INSAT-MCF indicate that all the subsystems of the satellite are performing nominally.

The orbit of the satellite will be gradually raised to the Geo-Synchronous Orbit (GSO) through a series of manoeuvres from INSAT-MCF over the next few days. After the satellite reaches the GSO, the solar array deployment, antenna deployment and the sail deployment will be performed. This will be followed by the checkout of the payload after which the satellite will be declared ready for operations.

Today, the INSAT system is one of the largest domestic multipurpose satellite systems in the world with more than 85 communications transponders and payloads for meteorological applications. It provides a variety of services in the area of telecommunications, TV broadcasting, developmental communication, education, telemedicine, rural development, weather prediction and disaster warning. In this perspective, INSAT-3A represents the nation's resolve to use Space capabilities for a wide range of its developmental needs.

Madam, through you, I would also like the House to join me in wishing the ISRO team all the best in the complex mission that is to be carried out in the next few days from the INSAT Master Control Facility at Hassan.

श्री सुरेश पचौरी (मध्य प्रदेश) : मैडम, सारा सदन इससे अपने को संबद्ध करता है।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We collectively congratulate our scientists of ISRO for launching the satellite and wish them all the best.

SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR (Maharashtra) : Madam, one minute. Is that word 'nominally' or 'normally'?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think it should be 'normally'.

SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE: No, Madam, it is 'nominally' for the reason that it will be fully operational after about fifteen days.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. It is 'nominally', about what is expected out of it. This is the correct word. 'Nominal' is used in the scientific terms.

PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ (Jammu and Kashmir) : Madam, I would like to say that Mr. Kasturirangan who heads the ISRO be given an award appropriate to his status and the work of his team. I think that is where the sense of the House also may be taken.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We want to wish the team and congratulate all of them. So, please convey the sentiments of the House. We wish that this satellite will be useful for all the purposes for which it is launched. We are very proud of our scientists and the whole House congratulates them. Whatever award the Government wants to give may be given. The House suggests so and you may convey that.

CLARIFICATIONS ON THE STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in some countries and the steps taken by Government - *Contd.*

Now we have the clarifications. Mr. Santosh Bagrodia is not here. Mr. Suresh Pachouri Ji.

श्री सुरेश पचौरी (मध्य प्रदेश) : आदरणीय उपसभापति महोदया, माननीया स्वास्थ्य मंत्री जी ने "सार्स" से संबंधित कल जो वक्तव्य दिया है, उससे हमारे देश के संबंध मे "सार्स" के बारे मे जो तरह तरह की अफवाहे फैल रही थी बहुत कुछ स्थिति स्पष्ट हुई है। जहां तक इस "सार्स" के लक्षण का प्रश्न है और इसके फैलने के बाद प्रीकॉशन जो उठाए जाने चाहिएं, जो कदम उठाए जाने चाहिएं उसका जिक्र माननीया मंत्री जी ने अपने वक्तव्य में किया है।

महोदया, माननीया मंत्री जी ने बिन्दु क्रमांक 2 मे कहा है कि विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन द्वारा 17 देशो से कुल 2106 रोगियो और इससे हुई 98 मौतो की सूचना दी गई है। हम लोग सौभाग्यशाली हैं कि हमारे देश में इस प्रकार का कोई भी केस रेफलेक्ट नहीं हुआ है। यद्यपि मंत्री जी ने बिन्दु क्रमांक 6 में दो केसिस का जिक्र किया था। एक जो भोपाल में हुआ था, जिसमें "सार्स" का होना नहीं पाया गया। दूसरा केस मुम्बई के एक अस्पताल का, सुश्री रिबैका रेलिव्ह का था, जिसके बारे में उन्होंने कहा कि शीघ्र परिणाम आने की संभावना है। यह कल की